GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2925
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REFUND OF INCOME TAX DUES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether refund of Income-tax are paid to Income Tax assessee;

(b) the duration prescribed by Income Tax Department for making refund of Income Tax;

(c) whether refund is made in time;

(d) if so, details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the number of cases pending for refund of income tax as on date, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Departmental guidelines are that the returns received claiming refunds should be processed wihin 4 months of receipt of the returns.

(c) Normally the time limit prescribed in the guidelines is adhered to. The process of issue of refunds is monitored by the higher authorities.

(d) The details of disposal of refund claims during the last 3 financial years is as under:

Financial Year	-	Disposal of Refund claims
2001-02	-	1,75,883
2002-03	-	5,15,427
2003-04	-	3,23,375

The entire process of issue of refunds in the field formations is supervised by the Commissioners and Chief Commissioners of Income-tax.

(e) Not applicable.

(f) The data for pendency of refund is not maintained on day to day basis or Statewise.